



State of Rep. Henry A. Waxman

**H.Con.Res. 54, Permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for
a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of
remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.**

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Madam Speaker. It is an honor to be the sponsor of this resolution to authorize the use of the Capitol Rotunda on April 23, 2009 for the annual congressional ceremony to commemorate the Holocaust.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the United States adoption of a national day for Holocaust commemoration. I take great pride that we are one of the only nations to join the State of Israel in observing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Heroes and Remembrance Day, on the Hebrew anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Each year, the ceremony here in Washington serves as a centerpiece for similar events observed in communities throughout the United States to memorialize the millions who perished and honor the courage of those who survived. This year's theme "Never Again: What You Do Matters" highlights the power of individual actions to stand against genocide and our individual responsibility to relay the history of the Holocaust as its last survivors are now passing on.

I would like to thank the Committee on House Administration for its work on this resolution. I encourage all of my colleagues to participate in the ceremony in the Rotunda.